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CHIMERAS

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a Response to Requirement for Restriction/Election mailed October 1, 1998. No fee is due.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION/ELECTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated October 1, 1998. The Examiner therein required election of one of the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species A: A chimeric protein comprising leukotoxin polypeptide coupled to somatostatin (SRIF), claims 38 and 39;

Species B: A chimeric protein comprising leukotoxin polypeptide coupled to gonadotropin releasing hormone (GnRH), claims 40 and 41; and


Species C: A chimeric protein comprising leukotoxin polypeptide coupled to bovine rotavirus VP4, claims 42 and 43.

In response to the species election requirement, applicants elects Species B, a chimeric protein comprising leukotoxin polypeptide coupled to GnRH. The claims

reading on this species are claims 37, 40 and 41. It is to be understood that this election of species is for the purposes of preliminary search and examination only, and that upon allowance of a generic claim, applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to the additional species.

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